

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4-15, 18-21, 23 and 25 are pending in this application. Claims 4, 9, 18 and 25 are currently amended. Claims 3, 16, 17, 22 and 24 were previously cancelled. Claims 7 and 10-15 are withdrawn.

Claims 1, 2, 20, 21 and 23 are allowed. The applicant appreciates the Examiner's finding of allowable subject matter in the present application.

Claims 4, 9, 18 and 25 have been amended to clearer forms in response to the rejections under 35 USC 112, first and second paragraphs. Claims 4 and 9 have been amended as supported in the present specification including at page 8, lines 15-27 and page 10, lines 5-11. Claim 18 has been amended by deleting the term "thin" as indirectly suggested by the Examiner and supported by the present specification. Claim 25 has been amended by inserting the term "titanium" as supported throughout the present specification, and as specifically employed in present claim 18.

No new matter has been added.

Claims 4-6, 8 and 9 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph because the Examiner finds that these claims to be based on disclosure that is not enabling. Accordingly, claims 4 and 9 have been amended to include the step of exposing the sprayed laminated titania sol to high temperatures for drying as disclosed in the present specification at page 8, lines 15-27 and page 10, lines 5-11. This step was already partially recited in present claim 9.

Accordingly, claims 4 and 9 have been amended as shown above to recite this step. Thus, the applicant submits that claims 4-6, 8 and 9 are fully allowable under 35 USC 112, first paragraph. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In response to the rejection of claim 25 under 35 USC 112, first paragraph, claim 25 has been amended as shown above, by inserting the term "titanium" within the phrase "laminated titanium oxide particles."

Accordingly, the applicant submits that all currently pending claims are fully allowable under 35 USC 112, first paragraph. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In response to the rejection of claims 18 19 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, claim 18 has been amended as shown above, by deleting the term "thin" in order to result in clearer reading claim language.

Accordingly, the applicant submits that all currently pending claims are fully allowable under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

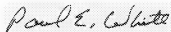
The applicant has made a sincere effort to revise the claims in view of the Examiner's rejections in order to place this application in condition for allowance.

If the claims of the application are not considered to be in full condition for allowance, for any reason, the applicant respectfully requests the constructive assistance and suggestions of the Examiner in drafting one or more acceptable claims pursuant to MPEP 707.07(j) or in making constructive suggestions pursuant to MPEP

706.03 so that the application can be placed in allowable condition as soon as possible and without the need for further proceedings.

In view of the above, it is believed that the present application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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